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SUBJECT: DEATH OF UGANDAN ARCHBISHOP

1. RWANDAN ANGLICAN BISHOP ADONIYA SEBUNUNGURI PASSED EMBASSY
COPY LATE UGANDAN ARCHBISHOP JANANI LUWUM FEB 10 LETTER TO
AMIN PROTESTING HIS BEING HELD AT GUNPOINT WHILE HOME SEARCHED
FOR WEAPONS. (LETTER WHICH SIGNED BY ALL EIGHTEEN UGANDAN
BISHOPS BEING FORWARDED AF/C-GRIBBIN, DAR, AND NAIROBI).
LETTER NOTES I.A. "WE HAVE BURIED MANY WHO HAVE DIED AS RESULT
OF BEING SHOT AND THERE ARE MANY MORE WHOSE BODIES HAVE NOT
BEEN FOUND" AND DECRIES ANTI-CHRISTIAN BIAS OF MILITARY
AND "WAR AGAINST THE EDUCATED." LETTER ENCLOSES: (A) REPORT
ON ARREST OF BISHOP OKOTH; (B) REPORT OF FEB 5 INCIDENT AT
ARCHBISHOP'S HOME; (C) BISHOPS' RESPONSE TO AMIN OF FEB. 17
RE "VICTIMIZING OF CHURCH"; AND (D) ARCHBISHOP'S
FEB. 15 RESPONSE TO AMIN ALLEGATIONS. ACCORDING SEBUNUNGURI,
LETTER AND ENCLOSURES WERE READ BY AMIN AND WERE RESPONSIBLE
FOR HIS ORDERING ARCHBISHOP'S "EXECUTION."

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2. SEBUNUNGURI STATED THAT ARCHBISHOP'S "EXECUTION" COULD BE
CONFIRMED BY LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERS AT BURIAL SITE WHO,
AGAINST INSTRUCTIONS, OPENED COFFIN AND OBSERVED THREE
BULLET WOUNDS IN ADDITION TO BOTH LEGS CRUSHED (APPARENTLY
BY A VEHICLE).

3. ON FEB. 21 FESTO KIVENGERE, BISHOP OF KIGEZI AND WIFE SECRETLY CROSSED BORDER AND SOUGHT REFUGE AT ANGLICAN CHURCH HDQS. KIGALI. SEBUNUNGURI TOOK COUPLE TO GOR SURETE DIRECTOR WHO AUTHORIZED THEM REMAIN RWANDA IF NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE. COUPLE DEPARTED BY CHARTER PLANE FEB. 23 FOR NAIROBI. SURETE DIRECTOR TOLD DCM FEB. 25 THAT NUMBER REFUGEES ENTERING RWANDA "NOT LARGE" AND GOR SEEKING AVOID DIFFICULTIES (THAT COULD LEAD TO BORDER CLOSURE) WITH AMIN OVER ISSUE. LOCAL UNHCR REP TOLD EMBASSY THAT IT NOT RPT NOT EQUIPPED TO HANDLE INCREASED NUMBER FORMAL REFUGEE CASES WHICH HAVE AVERAGED ONE PER DAY SINCE JAN 1.

4. TO DATE GOR OFFICIALS HAVE AVOIDED PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND RADIO RWANDA HAS QUOTED BOTH KENYAN AND UGANDAN RADIO EDITORIALS DESCRIBING SITUATION, ENDING WITH WISH FOR "RESTORATION HARMONY IN UGANDA."
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